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END OF RAILROAD STRIKE PREDICTED FOR FRIDAY, 15TH

At the time the NEWS went to press Thursday afternoon the indications were very favorable for the ending of the strike.

The General Superintendent of the C. & O. on Thursday morning ordered all through freight trains to resume operations. A long coal train passed through Louisa in the afternoon.

While no official announcement had been made, the belief was expressed that the full passenger service will be resumed Friday, and also the local freight service. It was hoped we would have train No. 38 on Thursday evening, but no orders had been received up to 2 o'clock p. m.

The obstinate shopmen at Huntington are about the only ones now holding out and there is evidence of discussion among them. The conservatives are beginning to express themselves as desiring to return to work.

The radical element, as usual, is causing the continuance of the trouble, and it is time the conservatives were asserting themselves in all these matters.

WILL STUDY MUSIC.

Miss Frances Wellman, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wellman left today for Petersburg and Richmond, Va., to visit friends.—Huntington Advertiser.

Mrs. Frances Wellman is a former Louisa girl, and a graduate of Huntington High School, where she entered in her junior year from Kentucky Normal College. She will specialize in classical music this winter for which her teachers say she has marked talent. She is very popular among her wide circle of friends.

Illiteracy Figures For Eastern Kentucky

Statistics show that Leslie county has the highest percentage of persons who can not read, 34.8 per cent. Campbell county has the smallest, 1.9 per cent.

Lawrence stands 101 in the list of counties, with 19 per cent and 2,625 illiterates. Letcher has 21.8, Pike 23, Martin 25, Magoffin 24, Floyd 25.2, Knott 26.2, Elliott 18.5, Carter 18.1, Rowan 18, Morgan 16.2, Johnson 16.1, Greenup 15.1, Boyd 9.

Jefferson county with only 5.6 per cent has the largest number of illiterates, 12,259.

VISITING AT AKRON.

Rev. J. T. Pope and wife went to Akron, Ohio, for a two weeks' visit to their son, Rev. Pope preached there last Sunday and is expected to do so next Sunday.

OIL FOUND IN ELLIOTT COUNTY

An oil well reported to be good for 25 barrels per day has been drilled in near Roscoe postoffice in Elliott county, on the headwaters of the middle fork of Little Sandy. The depth is 1150 feet and the strike is said to be in the Berea sand. The well is on the land to a man named Hutchison. When drilled in there was only a small showing of oil, but a shot of 160 quarts produced excellent results.

This may mean the opening of a new pool of good size.

OUR RED CROSS CHAPTER TO CONTINUE ACTIVE

Mr. Karn, field representative of the American Red Cross, for the state of Kentucky, was in Louisa on Wednesday. Some of the members of the Red Cross were called together to receive instruction and information in reference to the peace time activities of the organization.

After discussion, it was decided to continue the chapter organization in Lawrence county. There is a probability of the office being closed, in which event the secretary will secure desk room in some other office.

MORGAN COUNTY BOY KILLED BY TRAIN

Marion Lee Price, of Relief, Morgan county, was killed at a Norfolk and Western grade crossing at Circleville, Ohio, Tuesday of this week. He was riding a freight train and jumped off in front of a passenger train.

Gas Company Organized to Develop Property

Mr. T. F. Duff, of Campton, was in Louisa yesterday in connection with a gas development proposition which he has under way in Menifee county. He has drilled in one gas well for a company in which Louisa people are interested and has another well in process of drilling.

The company owns about 1500 acres of land in the Menifee gas field. The company was organized yesterday and will be incorporated at once under the name of the Duff-Conley Gas Company. The officers and directors are to be M. F. Conley, S. P. Pettey, F. M. Vinson, T. F. Duff, O. C. Atkins, J. L. Lasky, J. B. Vaughan, G. R. Burgess.

ANDREW CARNEGIE DIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Lenox, Mass.—Andrew Carnegie, steel magnate and philanthropist, died at his Lenox summer home, Shadow Brook, at 7:10 o'clock Monday morning after an illness of less than three days with bronchial pneumonia. So sudden was his death that his daughter, Mrs. Roswell Miller, was unable to get to her father's bedside before he died. His wife and private secretary were with him at the end.

He was taken ill Friday and grew steadily worse. His advanced age and lessened powers of resistance hastened the end.

Mr. Carnegie leaves his widow, who was Miss Louise Whitefield, of New York, and his daughter, Margaret, who married last April Ensign Roswell Miller, of New York.

Andrew Carnegie had given away \$350,000,000 up to June 1, 1918, a compilation of his benefactions prepared by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Shows.

SHERIFF ARRESTS OUTLAW WITH ABDUCTED GIRL

Bluefield, W. Va.—Manderville Farley, alleged leader of an outlaw and moonshiners' band in the Flat Top Mountains, and charged with desertion from the army and abduction of the 14-year-old daughter of Kenneth Abshire, a farmer, was arrested by the Sheriff of Raleigh county. He was captured in the mountains with his brother, Maitland, and the girl whom it is alleged he abducted. The three were placed in jail at Beckley, W. Va. When arrested, the Farleys, though armed, made no resistance.

THE FREE COURSE IN NURSING ASSURED

The free course in nursing which is to be provided for Lawrence county through the Red Cross has received sufficient support to meet the conditions, except as to the Louisa class and this, no doubt, will be filled at once.

Due notice of the date of the course will be given in these columns. This will depend somewhat upon when the nurse who is to give the instructions can come.

Following are the names received up to August 10th:

Webbville.
Mrs. D. J. Thompson.
Mrs. Elizabeth Pennington.
Mrs. Leah Shepherd.
Mrs. L. G. Nickel.
Mrs. Kenneth Sparks.
Miss Clara Sparks.
Miss Ruby Flannery.
Miss Ruby Smith.
Miss Delvia Green.
Miss Elizabeth Young.
Miss Anna Young.

Fallsburg.
Mrs. Dewey Lewis.
Mrs. Goldia Short.
Mrs. Bertha Cooksey.
Mrs. Verna Collinsworth.
Mrs. A. Collinsworth.
Mrs. J. H. Ekers.
Mrs. Josephine Kane.
Miss Grace Dameron.
Miss Gertrude Dameron.
Miss Bess Collinsworth.
Miss Pluma Collinsworth.

Blaine.
Miss Susan Griffith.
Miss Ethel Lyons.
Miss Ethel Edwards.
Mrs. Mary Boggs.
Mrs. Norman Osborne.
Mrs. Henry Griffith.
Mrs. H. H. Gambill.
Mrs. Charley Berry.
Mrs. Will Young.
Mrs. E. C. Berry.
Mrs. H. C. Osborne.
Mrs. Isaac McGuire.

Louisa.
Mrs. A. L. Burton.
Mrs. Etha Cain.
Mrs. Sathmie F. Clark.
Mrs. F. M. Vinson.
Miss Marie Byington.
Miss Margie DeLong.
Miss Sallie Gearhart.
Miss Pearl Holt.
Miss Opal Spencer.
Miss Eleanor Simpson.

Lobaco Company to Start New Building

The Lobaco Company tore down the upper part of the front wall of the bakery building and will reconstruct it. The fire had put it out of line.

Work was stopped by the railroad tie-up, but will be resumed soon. R. T. Burns has moved his office building to the west side of the Coca-Cola building so as to make way for the construction of the new Lobaco plant. This will consist of a large brick structure adjoining the Coca-Cola building on the east side, and work will start as soon as material can be placed on the ground.

Mr. Adams is in Cleveland this week buying an ice plant and other equipment.

The bakery will be in operation by October 15th.

Pike County Town Swept By Flames

The entire business section of Holler, a mining town in southern Pike county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The postoffice, a theater, three grocery stores, a restaurant, and several dwellings were destroyed. Electric wiring is believed to have caused the fire. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

STATE S. S. MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT WEEK IN ASHLAND

The annual convention of the Kentucky Sunday School Association will be held in Ashland August 19 to 22, and efforts are being made by leaders of Sunday School work in the State to have the largest attendance in the history of the work.

The meeting will open Tuesday evening, August 19, with addresses by the Rev. Dr. W. C. Condit, Ashland, and by Prof. M. A. Honline, Dayton, Ohio, instructor in the Boneyard Theological Seminary and educational secretary of the International Sunday School Association.

The convention will close Friday evening, August 22, with addresses by Prof. A. M. Locker, Chicago, organization superintendent of the International Sunday School Association, and Miss Nannie Lee Frayser, Louisville.

Other speakers from Louisville will be the Rev. Dr. George A. Joplin, secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Association; the Rev. George E. Foskett, Mrs. E. A. Fox, Miss Mary Weaver, Hugh Nevin, Mrs. J. R. Skillman and Mrs. Joe Simmler.

The speakers will be Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, the Rev. Dr. William A. Ganfield, Prof. J. D. Winston, Newport; J. S. Ogden, Ashland; A. C. Hunter, Versailles; W. J. Vaughan, Louisa, and Prof. C. E. Dudley, of Earlinton.

Each Sunday School in the State is expected to send at least one delegate, and many schools are entitled to several. Some schools are planning to send all their teachers and officers.

Wednesday, August 20, will be "Lawrence County Day," and it is thought many from this county will attend.

Expert Making Survey for Wart Disease of Potatoes

A representative of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Plant Bureau, Plant Disease Survey, was in Louisa this week for the purpose of making survey of this section of Kentucky for wart disease of potatoes. His aim is to locate it if it is here and at the same time further information to all potato users that they may co-operate with the department in its discovery should it occur.

The potato industry is endangered by a serious disease, new to us, called wart disease of potato, discovered in Pennsylvania in 1915 and believed possibly to be in other parts of the country. It, without doubt, came from Europe where it caused a serious shortage of the crop with stringent effects on the consumers and as a result an embargo was put on all foreign importations into this country in 1918. However, before the embargo went into effect it is known that foreign cargoes entered several of our principal eastern ports. The disease necessitates a rigid quarantine for an indefinite period of time as a preventative measure against further infestation. It is desired that potato users be especially watchful due to the fact that our first infestation was probably from table stock.

The disease is readily recognized by rough, spongy outgrowths varying from the size of a pea to that of the tuber itself, being produced especially at the eyes or at injured places. These outgrowths are light brown at first but with age become black and rapidly decay causing soil infestation by the spores (seeds of fungi) thus liberated. Soil infestation may last for years. The disease does not effect the foliage (tops) so watch while you plant or dig and report promptly and send specimens of suspicious cases to your county agent, your state experiment station at Lexington, or to Plant Bureau, Plant Disease Survey, Washington, D. C.

SEVERAL NEW OIL WELLS IN PROSPECT

Conflicting reports have been received about the well on the land of Dr. C. B. Walters, on upper Blaine. We have not been able to get anything definite, but it seems at least to promise sufficient production to pay. Estimates run all the way from four barrels to fifteen.

Ten car loads of pipe for the oil line from Blaine to Busseyville have been shipped. It is billed to Webbville. In the upper Blaine field the drilling outfit has been moved from the Walters lease to the Collier tract. Also, an outfit from the Phillips lease is now on the Dials tract.

The well on the Emily Morris land should be completed next week.

A well is being drilled at Newcomb, just over in Elliott county.

The Union Gas company is drilling additional wells right along.

Well No. 6 on the Peters lease two miles northwest of Louisa, is being started. Also, No. 2 on A. L. Moore's farm. These are New Domain operations.

A Pittsburgh firm is taking up a boundary of leases on Rockcastle.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charles Pettit, 19, Wakefield, O. and Mary Caudle, 15, Cordell.

Wm. Kaah Lovely, 24, Ft. Gay, W. Va., and Dovie McKenzie, 23, Desoto, Mo.

Fred Frazier, 39, Glenhays, W. Va., and Wilda Prichard, 33, R. 2, Louisa.

ALBERT HANNERS AND MISS INEZ MURPHY MARRIED

On Wednesday evening Sergeant Albert ("Bud") Hanners and Miss Inez Murphy were united in marriage by Rev. H. B. Hewlett at his residence on Lock avenue. They went to the Brunswick hotel where a wedding supper was served.

Mr. Hanners returned last week from overseas having spent the past year in the service of his country. His bride is a daughter of Thos. Murphy, of Yatesville. She was employed in Riverview hospital, this city, quite a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanners are popular in their circle of friends who wish for them every happiness.

CINCINNATI BALL TEAM MAY WIN PENNANT

Throughout this section just now there is a great deal of interest manifested in the race for the pennant in the National Baseball League. Cincinnati is leading in the race for the first time in a great many years at this time in the season. New York is the closest contender. For Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week two games each day were scheduled in New York between these two teams. Cincinnati won both of the games on Wednesday.

H. WEILER RETURNED.

Hillard Weiler, of Ironton, who was with the Ninth Infantry at the battle of Chateau Thierry, and who was twice wounded in action, is now undergoing treatment at the hospital at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

W. VA. PROHIBITION OFFICER KILLED

Charleston, W. Va.—Will Farley, a deputy state prohibition officer, was shot and killed Tuesday by moonshiners when he was in bed at his home on Hart's Creek.

The attack followed a raid Farley and Deputy G. S. Johnson had conducted earlier in the evening on Hoover Creek, in which they seized a still, dismantled it and took it to Farley's home.

A posse was organized in the vicinity of the shooting and pursuit was started toward the Kentucky border, in which direction it was believed the murderers fled.

The state prohibition offices has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of each of the three men, and has notified the Kentucky border officers to be on the lookout for them.

Farley had been in the employ of the State Prohibition Department only about a month, having been employed because of his knowledge, through his residence there, of the conditions existing on Hart's Creek, said to be one of the worst moonshining centers in the state. He formerly was a Deputy Sheriff in Logan county.

FARMERS MEETINGS ON BIG SANDY KILLED BY STRIKE

The Farmers Community meetings advertised for Louisa, Paintsville and Pikeville for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week were cancelled by headquarters at Louisville because of the railroad strike. The managers of the enterprise said they could not get the speakers and equipment to the meetings.

The announcement came too late for last week's issue of this paper, but we hope the people in the country will hear about the cancellation in time to save them a trip. Notices have been sent out in the mails.

BILLUPS-WHITING.

Mr. Noel Taylor, Billups and Miss Ida Whiting, both of Columbus, Ohio, were married Wednesday, August 6, at the Brunswick hotel in Louisa, Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Baptist church officiating.

Mr. Billups is a son of Mr. George Billups and a grandson of Mrs. Nancy Billups. They came to Louisa ostensibly to visit relatives, but the chief object was probably a somewhat romantic wedding.

The wedding was a secret as the parties desired to withhold it from Louisa relatives until they returned to Columbus.

GROCEER FINED.

A retail grocer in New York who sold sugar at 15 cents per pound was fined \$500 for profiteering.

Big Sandy Boy Is Photographed in France

The picture of Henry H. See, of Three Mile, this county, appeared on the cover of a recent issue of the Lake Division News, a paper published by the Red Cross. The picture shows him reaching out of a car window for a lunch offered by a Red Cross girl. It is impossible to lose these Big Sandy boys. Somehow they get in the spot light in Europe as well as at home.

The good work of the Red Cross is shown by the picture and it brings to us forcibly the fact that these angels of mercy were everywhere during the great struggle.

RAILROAD STRIKES ARE CONDEMNED BY PUBLIC SENTIMENT

"A strike involving public utilities should be made illegal, with heavy penalties attached," is the opinion we have heard expressed by a very conservative man. He argues that men put themselves in the class of highwaymen when they stop all kinds of business and threaten to starve the people of some isolated sections to death in order to get more money. He says the use of this kind of force to get money is exactly the same performance, in principle, as the man gives when he presents a gun and demands "your money or your life."

The present strike of railroad shopmen, resulting in the stopping of trains and the paralysis of business, called forth the sentiments expressed above and we have quoted them to show the trend of public sentiment.

The public pays the cost of strikes. The great masses of the people are the sufferers and it is unreasonable to expect them to sympathize with a thing that increases their burdens needlessly.

The present scarcity of sugar is almost entirely due to a strike of marine workers which has stopped the shipping of raw sugar from Cuba and other producing centers to the refineries of the United States. This sugar famine has come just at the canning season when much fruit must go to waste for lack of it.

The shopmen's strike has thrown thousands of other laborers out of work. The coal mines are shut down, with a shortage of coal for next winter absolutely certain. There is a shortage of food at many places and irreparable food is going to waste at other points. Millions and billions of dollars are being lost as a result of this hold-up.

It is Bolshevism that is doing it. The shopmen now holding out are doing so in violation of the laws of their own union. When the president of the order told the Huntington shopmen this fact last Saturday they treated him disgracefully and refused to hear him further, asking for his resignation. A stronger demonstration of anarchy could not have been given.

President Wilson asked them to return to work in obedience to their union, and at most places they did so. But at Huntington they are suffering from the kind of leadership that always drives men to ruin. Not all of the shopmen or railroad men are in sympathy with this strike, but these men lack the courage to stand out against the violent fellows who have taken the organization in hand and are running away with it.

The shopmen in this strike are demanding \$5.00 for ten hours work and \$6 for the helpers.

If they are foolish enough to think the public, the suffering public, the public that pays all these bills of wages and losses, is going to indorse a hold-up of themselves, those fellows should have their own heads examined. It has been suggested that the railroad companies fill the places of these strikers with returned soldiers who want work, and then keep them there regardless of any strike settlement.

The officials of the union had arranged to have a vote on a strike August 25th, but a good many of the shops ignored that program and struck last week. They were ordered back, but a few are holding out.

Nothing could do more than this to increase the cost of living. These men profess to want the high cost of living decreased, but they are doing the most effective thing possible in the other direction just at the time when the government and the states have started a fight on high prices.

It is reported that five car loads of sugar are in the railroad yards at Russell, five miles below Ashland and the railroad men refuse to move them, although there is a sugar famine in almost every home. The owners of one of the cars has tried to get permission to open the car at Russell and remove the sugar in trucks so as to sell it to people needing it for canning purposes. Permission to do this was firmly refused.

BUILDING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Louisa people are doing considerable work just now in the way of new building and improvements on old ones.

In another place is an account of the Lobaco company's work.

R. C. Burton's new residence is going along nicely. The frame work is up. It will be a good two-story building.

T. B. Billups is moving his cottage from the lot adjoining the bakery to his lot at the head of Main street, where the L. M. Copley residence formerly stood.

A new, large porch and an extension of the dining room is being made by M. S. Burns on his residence.

F. T. D. Wallace, Jr., will raise his residence and repair it.

Excavation is being made for the new Christian Church on upper Madison street.

ESTEP AND MUSIC.

Among five appeals from death sentences filed during the vacation period of the Court of Appeals are those of Minard Estep and Charles Music, both convicted of murder in the Boyd county courts.

GOODY O'BRIEN VINDICATES THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The Williamson News says: Sergt. Goody O'Brien, born and raised in this city but now of Huntington, comes out in the Huntington Advertiser in favor of the League of Nations and vindicates the position of the fighting soldier. "Goody" is a production of Williamson and left here in a company that went to France in defense of their country. We are glad to know that he is showing his talents in a good cause which may mean a greater distinction in the future.

He is the son of Wm. O'Brien, who lived near Louisa and whose death occurred recently.

BACK FROM OVERSEAS.

Charlie E. Burgess, of Co. B, 34th Engineers, A. E. F., landed at Norfolk, Va., August 5. He passed through Ft. Gay last Saturday on his way to Camp Taylor to be mustered out and will return to his home at Richardson within the next few days.

On August 14th last year he sailed from Camp Upton and reached Liverpool August 27. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burgess and is the last of their four sons to return from army service.

PAINTSVILLE MERCHANT DIES.

Henry Wheeler, 65, president of the Wheeler Grocery Company, of Paintsville, died Monday in a Louisville hospital, following an illness of several weeks. He was operated on some time ago and was able to be up. His wife and three grown sons survive. His body was taken to his old home in Magoffin county for interment.

GOV. CORNWELL HITS BOLSHEVISM

West Virginia's Governor is proving himself to be a real statesman. He displays the courage that is so badly needed at the present time. Read what he says:

Charleston, W. Va.—Replying to a communication from the Federation of Railway Employees of the Chesapeake system of Huntington, signed by E. T. Brennan, president, and J. H. Williams, secretary, in which they criticized his recent statement opposing the Plumb plan of government ownership of railroads, Governor Cornwell declared that proposition to be "neither sane nor fair."

"To me," the Governor said, "it is little short of amazing that men possessing the intelligence of the trainmen I meet should be guilty of making such an unreasonable and outrageous demand."

"If the public bought the railroads and gave them to you to operate for your benefit, telephone and telegraph employees would demand the same thing of those properties. They have as much right to it as you have. Coal miners would demand that the mines be purchased and given to them, and they have as much right to make that demand as you."

"Farm laborers, with better right, would say: 'We produced the food you live on—buy the farms and give them to us.' Then we have, not Socialism, but chaos."

"Of course, I regret that my fellow citizens should disagree with or feel aggrieved with me because of my views upon public questions, but that can not deter me from having and exercising the same freedom of opinion that you have."

"When you asked for an eight-hour day I was with you heart and soul. I was, and am now, in favor of your obtaining not only fair, but a liberal wage; but when you ask the farmers and the laborers in other lines of work to go in debt \$20,000,000,000 through the medium of the Federal Government to buy the railroads and give them to you to use as you please, you are making a proposition that neither is sane nor fair."

"I intend to attempt to present to these inhabitants of the State what this plan means. First, as to the shifting of the burden of taxation, or about \$4,000,000 of it, in West Virginia from the railroads to the farmers and home owners, if the Plumb plan was to be accepted, it would make Cabell, Wayne, McDowell, Mercer and Mingo counties unable to pay the debt they are contracting to build public roads. It would stop road building, building of school-houses and all public improvements."

"I have been a laboring man myself—carried a dinner bucket—for \$1 a day. My labor now is not regulated by eight, ten or twelve hours, but often sixteen and sometimes eighteen. I am not now, and never expect to be, a capitalist, but I am an American, not a Bolshevik. I stand for law and order, and I am not asking the nation to buy property and give it to me. I prefer to work and give honest service for every dollar I receive."

Rev. Chambers Will Transfer.

Louisa people in general, and especially the congregation of the M. E. Church South, regret very deeply the decision of Rev. Herbert O. Chambers to transfer to the Alabama conference at the end of the present year, which will be early in September. This move was decided upon in the hope of improving the health of Mrs. Chambers. Physicians advised returning to her native state. Mr. Chambers will attend the annual conference at Ravenswood, W. Va., Sept. 3rd. The Alabama conference does not meet until November.

Rev. Chambers has done faithful and efficient work in Louisa and will leave with the best wishes of everybody. Both he and his family have made a great many friends here.